

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2959 of the Code of Virginia, relating to chiropractic schools;*  
3 *student training and practice.*

4 [S 1058]  
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 54.1-2959 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 **§ 54.1-2959. Supervised training programs; students enrolled in schools of medicine or**  
9 **chiropractic schools allowed to engage in certain activities; prohibition of unauthorized pelvic**  
10 **exams.**

11 A. Students enrolled in schools of medicine may (i) participate in preceptorship programs ~~which~~ *that*  
12 *are a part of the training program of the medical school;* or (ii) practice in clinics, hospitals, educational  
13 institutions, private medical offices, or other health facilities, in a program approved by the school,  
14 under the direct tutorial supervision of a licensed physician who holds an appointment on the faculty of  
15 a school of medicine approved by the Board.

16 B. *Students enrolled in chiropractic schools may (i) participate in preceptorship programs that are a*  
17 *part of the training program of the chiropractic school or (ii) practice in clinics, hospitals, educational*  
18 *institutions, private medical offices, or other health facilities, in a program approved by the school,*  
19 *under the direct tutorial supervision of a licensed chiropractor who holds an appointment on the faculty*  
20 *of a chiropractic school approved by the Board.*

21 C. Students participating in a course of professional instruction or clinical training program shall not  
22 perform a pelvic examination on an anesthetized or unconscious female patient unless the patient or her  
23 authorized agent gives informed consent to such examination, the performance of such examination is  
24 within the scope of care ordered for the patient, or in the case of a patient incapable of giving informed  
25 consent, the examination is necessary for diagnosis or treatment of such patient.

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